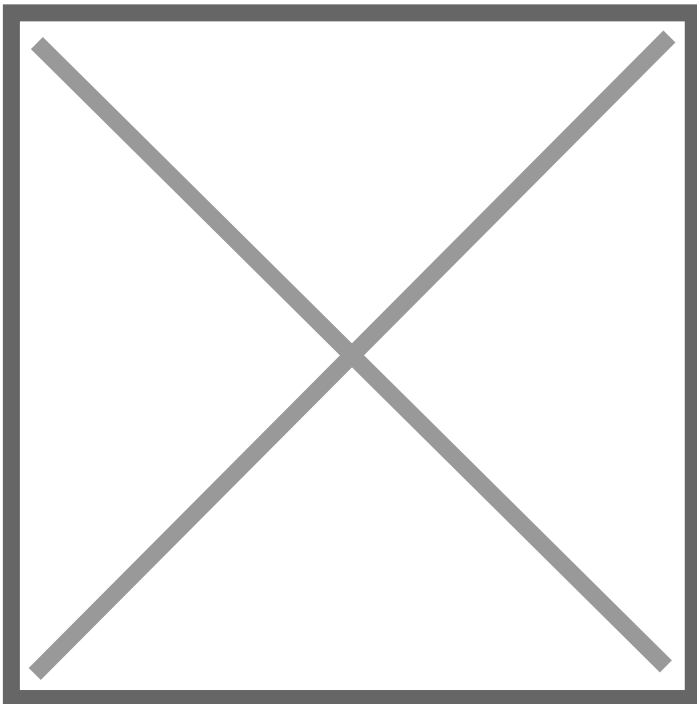


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The United States is becoming the largest market for Taiwan's agricultural products export, Taiwan's agricultural export reached a record value of \$5.67 billion last year, due to Taiwan's diversification policies, said Tsai Ing-wen, President of Taiwan.

She was speaking after China imposed a ban on the import of food and beverage products from Taiwan, including fish, seafood, fruit and beer. Tsai told Taiwan's agricultural exports were no longer dependent on just one export market.

According to the local media, the U.S., Japan, Australia, Canada, the Philippines, and Indonesia also welcomed agricultural products from Taiwan. She promised the government would do its best to help the farmers and fishermen who had lost their market in China by finding alternatives.